

ALICE NICHOLS

BY MR. HENRY WADE:

Q State your name.

A Alice Nichols.

Q How long have you lived in Dallas?

A All my life.

Q How long have you known Jack Ruby?

A I had -- I have known him since the later part of 1949, but I had actually seen him before that, probably in the first part of 1949.

Q Sometime in August or September of 1959, did you have a conversation with him concerning an anticipated trip to Cuba?

A Yes, he told me he was going to Cuba.

Q Did he tell you how he went? By air or car or plane?

A I don't remember whether he told me how he went or not.

Q Did he call you from Florida or Cuba?

A No, he didn't write to me either. I didn't hear from him at all while he was gone.

Q Approximately how long was he gone?

A I would say about a week.

Q About a week from Dallas?

A Yes.

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1 Q Did he tell you how he planned to get in there,  
2 with a passport or what?

3 A No.

4 Q Did he tell you what he did over there?

5 A He never did say much about the trip.

6 Q He said very little?

7 A He said very little about the trip. The only  
8 thing I remember him saying was that he had seen Mack  
9 Willie.

10 Q But he said very little about the trip?

11 A And the Tropicana.

12 Q Had he been there previously to your knowledge?

13 A To my knowledge, he hadn't.

14 Q Had he mentioned ever being there?

15 A No.

16 Q On another subject, let me ask you this Alice.  
17 You observed him over a period from 1949 to 1959, and  
18 maybe 1960, and probably have talked with him since then.  
19 Do you have any opinion as to whether or not he is sane  
20 or insane? First, let me put it in two parts --

21 A I never did feel that he was insane. I never  
22 did see any indication of insanity.

23 Q Did he have any unusual -- well, we might say  
24 temper tantrums or anything like that?

25 A Well, he was high-tempered.

1 Q He was high-tempered. I believe you did talk with  
2 him on the day after the assassination?

3 A It was the day of the assassination. He called  
4 me.

5 Q What was said in that conversation? About what  
6 time was this?

7 A He called me while I was out to lunch between  
8 one and two in the afternoon and left his number, and I  
9 returned his call about ten minutes after two, and he was  
10 talking on another line and then he called me back -- I  
11 would say about 2:15.

12 Q How long did you talk with him?

13 A And he called me that night.

14 Q What was that conversation?

15 A He told me that night he was going to the syna-  
16 gogue and that his place was going to be closed -- his  
17 business. That was the last time.

18 Q The last time you talked to him?

19 A Yes.

20 Q You haven't talked to him since he was jailed?

21 A No.

22 Q From the time you met him up until -- for some  
23 years you have gone with him socially?

24 A Yes.

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1 Q Do you know whether or not at that time, whether  
2 he carried a gun at one time or regularly?

3 A I don't know whether he always had a gun with  
4 him or not. I know I have seen a gun he had when he would  
5 go by the Vegas Club and he would pick up the money then,  
6 but whether he had a gun in his pocket all the time, I  
7 don't know.

8 Q You only noticed him carrying a gun when he was  
9 carrying his money bag?

10 A Yes.

11 Q When did you break up with him socially?

12 A The last part of November of 1959.

13 Q What has been your relationship since then?  
14 Have you seen him or had dinner with him since?

15 A I had dinner with him once in 1962. I did not see  
16 him at all during 1963, except one time down on the street.

17 Q Just casually?

18 A And he has not called me.

19 Q You just ran into him?

20 A Yes. I was crossing Commerce Street and he was  
21 waiting on a red light to cross the street.

22 Q Insofar if you were called on to testify, you  
23 would say in your opinion that you thought he was sane in  
24 knowing right and wrong in relation to his conversations  
25 and acts?

1 A He was when I knew him.

2 Q He didn't talk insane on the telephone the day  
3 of the 22nd of November?

4 A No.

5 Q Do you think he was unusually excited at the  
6 time he called you on the 22nd of November, 1963?

7 A No, no more than anyone else.

8 Q You said he was high-tempered Mrs. Nichols.  
9 Tell whether or not in your presence you ever saw him in  
10 any violence with someone else?

11 A No.

12 Q Never violent towards you either?

13 A No sir, he was never violent.

14 Q When he called you on the day of the assassi-  
15 nation, did he ask you how you were?

16 A I don't believe he did, He just started talking  
17 about the assassination.

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1 I have read the question and answer statement injected  
2 by the District Attorney, Henry Wade, to me on January 20,  
3 1964, and I swear that the answers given are correct.  
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*Ain Nichols*

10 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of  
11 January, 1964.  
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